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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Michigan Evangelistic Campaign Suggested

Several Christian Leaders From Michigan Met in Pontiac June 4 With the Editor and Assistant Editor to Plan a Proposed State-Wide Evangelistic Effort to Encourage and Stimulate Single-Church Revival Campaigns, Missionary Revival Efforts That Might Result in New Churches, and City-Wide Campaigns. State-Wide Rallies Planned at Detroit August 4, in Western Michigan August 6

By the Editor

For twenty-four and a half years THE SWORD OF THE LORD has promoted evangelism. It has specialized in evangelistic sermons, in introducing, reporting, and encouraging God-called evangelists, in conferences on revival and soul winning, and in a successful effort to bring back mass evangelism, city-wide campaigns, to America.

About twelve years ago the editor felt led to put on an intensive campaign for revivals and soul winning in North and South Carolina. Scores of rallies were held all over the two states. Advance men worked earnestly. Special campaign headquarters were set up in the Carolinas. Although the campaign cost the editor a good deal of money and hard work without much financial remuneration, God blessed in many good campaigns in the area. Evangelists Hyman Appelman, Jesse Hendley, and others held some campaigns. Dr. R. G. Lee had a city-wide campaign in Asheville. Dr. Bob Jones had a city-wide campaign in Spartanburg. This editor had blessed campaigns in Winston-Salem, Durham, and Greenville.

For some time we have felt a great need to take one state for intensive promotion and encouragement of revival campaigns. The field of evangelism has suffered greatly in recent years. Many evangelists have let down the bars, have yoked up with modernism, have failed to take a stand against worldliness. Expense budgets have been extravagant. In many, many cases the field is largely closed to mass evangelism after one big campaign. Many God-called, sacrificing, spiritual, and proven soul-winning evangelists have not had the encouragement they need and deserve. We have felt a need to go back to the grass roots, to introduce many fine, proven evangelists, to suggest proper methods for evangelism, to set a pattern that can be acceptable to pastors and churches as well as to godly evangelists. Because of many friends of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, because of strong, soul-winning churches which would co-operate and help in such state-wide plans, and because of reasonable nearness to Sword of the Lord headquarters, we have felt led to pro-

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Michigan Preachers—

And all good Christians interested in revival in Michigan:

Don't miss the great revival rally at Temple Baptist Church, 10100 Grand River Avenue, Detroit, Tuesday night, August 4, 7:30 p.m. Plans for state-wide campaign of evangelism. Famous speakers.

Dinner for all pastors and evangelists provided by Temple Baptist Church at 5:30. Open forum, discussion, counsel. Come see the largest church in the world; meet for fellowship, counsel and inspiration. Hear Dr. G. B. Vick, Dr. Tom Malone, Dr. John R. Rice and others. Sweet music.



Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

Obey the Bible Even Though the Stars Fall

By Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

Chapel Message at Bob Jones University

In this mind-worshipping age when people are deifying man, humanizing God and minimizing sin, we need to return to the Word of the Lord which the psalmist says is "forever settled in heaven" (Ps. 119:89) and which "God has magnified above all his name" (Ps. 138:2). Bob Jones University stands without apology for the whole Bible as the Word of God. If you start tearing leaves out of the Bible, you will have no Bible. It is important to know the Word of the Lord but that is not enough. We must obey it.

Many people today quote the Sermon on the Mount. Well, some of Jesus' strongest remarks about obeying His Words are in this sermon. Turn to the 7th chapter of Matthew. Jesus said, "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house on a rock . . . and everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand . . ." (vss. 24, 26).

This country is filled with multiplied thousands of church people who will stand up and say, "Yes, I believe the Bible," then turn around and support causes within their denomination which are not true to the Word of God. We have bankrupted character and only a small per cent of church members have any real convictions. Almost everybody "goes along."

God has never condoned disobedience to His Word. He didn't overlook it when Adam and Eve ate of the forbidden fruit. He didn't accept the offering of Cain because it was not in accordance with His plan of redemption, but He did accept Abel's offering because it was what God had told him to offer. There are many examples in the Bible about God's dealings with those who disobeyed Him. He never has overlooked disobedience and He will not overlook it today. We cannot flirt with those who deny the doctrines of Christ and not suffer for it because God has given clear instructions about it in His Word (See II John 9-12).

God Held Jews Accountable for His Commands

In the realm of religion you have a revelation of God's will and God's plan. God needed a race for His purposes so He chose Israel and He segregated them. People say they don't believe in segregation. Then, they don't believe in God's plan. He is the Author of segregation. He segregated the Jews. He put them in a land and separated them from the other people of the world, not because they were inferior for they were in many ways superior. Some Bible students believe that when Isaac was born there was a biological miracle that put something into

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What the Lost Man Discovers Sixty Seconds After Death

By Rev. Harold B. Sightler

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"There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that WOULD COME from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if

one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."—Luke 16: 19-31.

Have you ever stood beside death beds of dying persons and wondered what was going on in their minds? As they breathed their last breath, have you thought what they must have experienced?

There are many who believe that the soul does not go immediately after death to Hell or Heaven. Such an idea is not true. The moment the last breath is gone and the person dies, that moment he has gone either to Hell or Heaven.

I want you to consider with me seven things the unsaved man discovers sixty seconds after death. According to my text, the very second the rich man died he lift his eyes in Hell. There was no period of soul-sleep. There was no second chance to get right with God. He goes immediately to torment.

The unsaved man discovers sixty seconds after death that

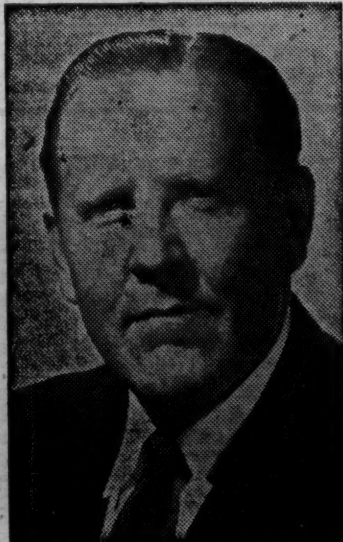
Death Does Not End It All

Contrary to the theories advanced by such men as Clarence Darrow and other infidels, they find that death does not end all. Our text says, "The rich man also died and in Hell he lift his eyes . . ." The rich sinner discovers he is going to live on and on.

Sometimes when the sinner gets into trouble the Devil comes and tempts him to commit suicide. This is the way out, says the Devil. Many have been the poor souls who have believed the lie of Satan. They have committed suicide only to find that death did not end it all. They discover that troubles only begin at death for the sinner.

Job has asked an immortal question in his book. "If a man die, shall he live again?" is the question the sinner finds an answer for the moment he dies. Yes, man shall live on. Look at the sinners mentioned in the Bible who died without God and discovered that death did not end all. The rich man, Agrippa, Felix, Festus, Judas are a few who live on today in the torments of Hell.

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Rev. Harold B. Sightler

WHO STANDS IN YOUR SHOES?

By the Late Dr. Robt. L. Moyer, Minneapolis

"And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it. Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor; and this was a testimony in Israel. Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. So he drew off his shoe."—Ruth 4:6-8.

After Joshua led the children of Israel into the land of Canaan, he divided their inheritance among the twelve tribes "by their families." The portions allotted to the tribes and the families were to remain the possessions of those tribes and families perpetually; that is, as long as Israel lived in obedience to God.

The Law

God legislated against the sale of the land. Only in a case of dire necessity or poverty was a man permitted to dispose of his portion, and then it could not be sold perpetually. It must revert to the original family in the year of Jubilee. This means that the sale of land by an Israelite was more like a present-day lease; for example, if poverty compelled a man to sell a portion of his inheritance, say ten years after Jubilee, it could be sold for only forty years. Every fiftieth year was Jubilee. There was no such thing as a "ninety-nine year lease" in Israel.

This legislation was out of God's goodness to the people. It would prevent extreme poverty on the one hand; extreme riches on the other.

If necessity demanded the sale

of a piece of land, that land could be redeemed by a near kinsman, or by the owner himself by paying the balance due for the years remaining until Jubilee. If redemption was impossible, the land was to remain in the hands

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Dr. R. L. Moyer

Great Blessings at Lake Louise

By the Editor

This morning I have just returned from Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia. It is Monday, July 6. The conference closed last night. A friend drove me to Atlanta; I waited in the airport three hours, caught a plane at 3:40, arrived in Chicago before eight this morning.

Of some fourteen or fifteen Conferences on Revival and Soul Winning at Lake Louise in twelve years, as I recall, this seems to have been in many respects the very finest. The attendance was the largest steady attendance, I think, that we have ever had. On Monday morning, the day the conference began, the management prepared breakfast for thirty guests.

But so many had come in during the night that there were 140 for breakfast. What a rush to set new tables, cook more bacon and eggs! I suppose that in the average service, one out of six was a preacher, and that a total of perhaps 150 preachers attended the conference besides multitudes of lay Christians. They came from Texas—Brownsville, Houston, Longview, and Weatherford, and all the other Gulf Coast states. They came from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Maryland, Ohio, and even from Ontario, and from other states all the way from Missouri on the west, to Virginia and the Carolinas and Florida on the east.

167 Professions of Faith in a Soul-Winning Crusade

We determined this year to stress soul winning, to organize for soul winning, and along with a tremendous daily conference, to spend much of the afternoons in soul winning. A few lost people were saved on the conference grounds. In a two-hour period Wednesday, Brother Jack Hyles gave careful instructions about house-to-house visitation and soul winning. On Thursday and Friday afternoons, more than sixty workers were divided into five teams and had carefully assigned streets and buildings for personal work. There was preaching on the street and souls were won all over the city and nearby. We had a total of 167 to claim Christ as Saviour, and we expect to hear from others yet won during the conference week and as others returned home. (Tuesday: A letter came today from Paul Green telling of three saved on the way home to Winston-Salem.)

We found a new warmth and friendliness in Toccoa. Many have been listening to our "Voice of Revival" broadcast each Sunday morning at 8:00 from a Toccoa station. A business man of the

Christian Business Men's Committee in Toccoa had helped greatly by preparing a great sign and having it erected across the principal street, announcing the conference. It was my joy to have luncheon with the Christian Business Men and preach to them on soul winning. And this committee of Christian laymen will help supervise the follow-up work of those who claimed Christ. We have a great packet of cards with names and addresses of those who took Christ as Saviour.

It was my joy to preach at Calvary Baptist Church in Toccoa on Sunday morning, while Dr. Bill Rice preached at the conference. There were hundreds present, and the service was broadcast.

Many Happy Incidents at the Conference

Many heart-warming incidents are remembered about the conference. Brother Jesse Carr and Mrs. Carr of Tampa, Florida, attend the conference each year, and each year on the Fourth of July celebrate their wedding anniversary. They have been married fifty-nine years! He is eighty, she is seventy-eight. Brother Carr gave a check of \$59 for the radio to celebrate his fifty-nine years of wedded happiness. And he expects next year to have a family reunion and perhaps may not be able to attend the conference, so he gave us a postdated check of \$60 for next year to celebrate his sixtieth wedding anniversary!

One night I preached on "It Is Easy to Win Souls," and made clear that there are many, many people who if they really knew of someone who would delight to talk with them and help them about finding Christ would seek them. After the service a boy came to me saying he wanted to be saved. How happy he was and his family all the rest of the week!

One young woman on the conference grounds was won to Christ by one of the guests. Immediately she said, "My friend ought to be saved too! Let's go to her room." The friend was saved too. Later the two of them came to me for further instructions.

Again and again people said to



HOW LAO WANG YE LOST HIS EYES

By Rose A. Huston

When Ah Chen was ten years old, he went to live with his married sister in a village where there was a better school than in his village. They lived in China. His sister had married a man who was not a Christian. In her kitchen, she had a picture of Lao Wang Ye pasted on the wall. Every day someone in the family had to worship the picture, for it was the god of the kitchen and the god of the home. She kept incense sticks burning before it and bowed to it many times. At times she and her husband gave special offerings in their worship—chicken or pork or cakes and wine. When in trouble, they would pray to it for help.

In their country, people burned grass, corn stalks, or bean vines in a low fireplace to cook their food. The smoke and much of the heat went through several small tunnels under the brick beds which were built in the adjoining room. Their beds were always warm so the people didn't mind if they were hard.

On cold winter days, however, the chimney would get choked up with the thick frost that formed inside it where the warm air met the cold air. The smoke couldn't get out then. Especially if the wind was coming from the wrong

direction, great puffs of smoke would come back into the kitchen.

Lao Wang Ye, the god of the home, had to stay in the kitchen for a whole year. You may be sure that with all the smoke and dust and the steam from cooking, his face became very dirty before the end of the year, when Ah Chen's family got a new picture. Clean or dirty, however, he must be worshipped. People who worshipped him and believed he was a real god were afraid of making him angry. Even at the end of the old year, when they were ready to take him down, they were careful not to offend him. So, in order to please him and prevent him from telling bad tales to the new god that would take his place, they would first smear his mouth with syrup or honey.

It usually fell to the women in a house to do the worshipping. Ah Chen's sister did it in her home. Because she didn't know anything about the true God, she did it faithfully. After Ah Chen came, he told her about Jesus, the Son of the true God, who came to earth to die for her sins. He told her how happy their mother and father were since they had been saved. His father had quit gambling. His mother didn't quarrel and scold any more.

Ah Chen told his sister stories from the Bible and sang to her the Psalms he loved so well. He prayed every day that her heart might be opened to the Lord Jesus. She was not interested, however, and would not even go to church with him.

One day Ah Chen's sister went as usual to worship Lao Wang Ye. As she went near to put the incense sticks in the little pot of ashes in front of him, she noticed



The Spirit-Anointed Program

Dr. Tom Malone is one of the great preachers of America. How practical, yet how pungent were his scriptural messages! Brother Jack Hyles preached in a way to stir up the hearts of preachers and laymen alike for soul winning, for great praying and great preaching. Dr. Bill Rice with his thrilling stories and strong convictions, Evangelist Walt Handford with his scriptural and logical Bible messages, and Brother Sightler with the strong sermon on Saturday afternoon to the Fourth of July crowd were used to bless the hearts of all. And I felt joy of the Lord in my own humble ministry each day.

The Burden of the Conference

There is a tremendous burden in such a conference to bring speakers and Christian workers from so far, to plan the music, to warm the hearts of all, to speak usually twice a day, to raise the budget for the conference, get subscriptions—all that puts a good deal of tension and strain on one.

Added to that the responsibility is the burden of promotion and publicity. One afternoon we drove to Greenville and at Bob Jones University radio studio we made an hour and a half of recordings with Bill Harvey and Joanna and Joy Rice. Then after preaching three times yesterday, I was driven to Atlanta, sat three hours in the airport, came home, and still have on the same clothes I wore yesterday, having slept what I could in the brief time on the plane.

But I rejoice in the burden because I know God in mercy means the burden to bring a blessing to hundreds of others, and I confidently thank Him that He did bless all who attended.

How we thank God for the music—Bill Harvey, the Joanna-Joy duets, and other special music along with great congregational singing.

Be sure to plan now to come to the Sword of the Lord Conference on Revival and Soul Winning when you can. And next year we hope to have the greatest conference yet at Lake Louise. Dates, plans will be announced.

something peculiar about him. She looked more closely, then drew back frightened.

"What is the matter with our god?" she asked. "His eyes look so strange. I am afraid something is wrong. He looks very angry. Perhaps someone has offended him. What shall I do?"

She decided to burn more incense and give him a special offering of food. Then she prayed him not to be angry with her, as she had done nothing against him. After bowing many times with her face to the floor, she went back to her work.

She couldn't get the fear out of her heart, so she went again and looked more carefully at him. Then, she became more frightened than ever.

"He has no eyes! Someone has burned his eyes out! With the glowing end of an incense stick! Who would dare do such a thing? Lao Wang Ye will surely send a terrible punishment on whoever did it. We shall have to spend a lot of money to please him."

Ah Chen would soon be home, so she began to prepare steamed buns for his lunch. All at once she remembered that Ah Chen and her father and mother had burned their kitchen god when they became Christians.

"Ah, now I know who did it!"

MIDWAY STILL BUSIEST PORT; O'HARE CLIMBS

By Russel Freeburg

(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

Washington, June 19—Chicago's Midway airport was the busiest in the country again last year, the federal aviation agency [FAA] said Friday. The city's big O'Hare field ranked 26th.

Landings and takeoffs at Midway continued to climb despite increasing operations at O'Hare. By 1962, the operations are expected to be split 50-50 between the two major airports.

Midway Hits Record

In 1958, the FAA said, Midway had a record total of 397,765 itinerant or nonlocal operations. O'Hare's total was 160,710.

The Chicago total was swelled further by 94,400 flights at Meigs field. The lakefront airport, which is used by smaller planes, ranked 64th.

The total of 558,475 flights in and out of O'Hare and Midway topped the combined total itinerant flights using New York City's La Guardia and Idlewild by 91,862.

Los Angeles Ranks Second

La Guardia ranked fifth in the national picture in itinerant operations with 255,903. Idlewild was eighth with 210,710. Los Angeles airport was second to Midway in total non-local operations with 296,730. Dallas was third with 280,753.

Ah Chen! He is always telling me that Lao Wang Ye is not a real god. He says I am foolish to believe in an idol that has no life and cannot see or hear. Yes, he must have done it. Surely some terrible things will come to him. How dare a little boy burn the eyes out of a god?"

Suddenly she stopped short. A wonderful thought had come into her mind. "I believe Ah Chen is right after all. If Lao Wang Ye were truly a god able to bless and to curse and send sickness and trouble to punish people because he was angry, would he let a little boy burn his eyes out? And Jesus certainly has brought blessing to my father's home."

When Ah Chen came in from school she seemed very serious when she said, "Ah Chen, did you burn out the eyes of Lao Wang Ye?"

Would he tell a lie and say he did not do it? That would be a good test to see if he really was a Christian.

"Yes, Sister, I did. Perhaps I did wrong, but I wanted to prove to you that Lao Wang Ye is only paper. He is not a living god; he cannot harm you and he cannot save you from sin. You should not worship such a thing."

Seeing that she was not angry, he asked, "Will you not believe in my Jesus?"

"Yes," she replied, "I am ready to learn about Him. My husband, too, wanted to be a Christian because of you, but I wouldn't let him. Now we shall both go to church with you and believe in your Jesus."

Lao Wang Ye was put out of their home forever.

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S.B.C. Members in Japan Write

Recently I received three letters from girls in Japan who are members of the Sword-Bearers Club, our daily Bible-reading club. They wrote to say that they are continuing to read the Bible each day, and told of blessings they had received. Miss Aiko Shiomi wrote, "I am glad to say to you that I am still keeping the vow with

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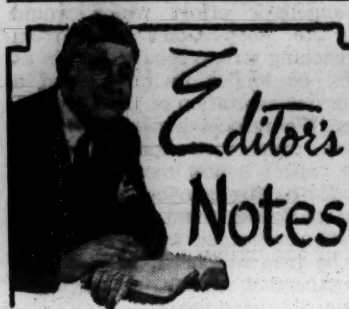
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Early this morning (Tuesday, July 7) I received a long-distance call with sad news. My beloved sister, Mrs. Jimmie Thomas, of Oklahoma City, after a long-time heart ailment had gone Home to be with the Lord. She was eight or nine years older than I, a beautiful character, a loyal sister. I fly to Oklahoma City for the funeral day after tomorrow, God willing.

Heaven is an increasingly attractive place. Of our family of eight children who reached maturity, four (George, Joe, Jesse, and now Jimmie) have gone Home. All were happy, useful Christians. Joe was a blessed soul-winning evangelist. Heaven will be all the sweeter and nearer because they are gone.

May the dear Lord comfort the bereaved husband Dave Thomas and daughter Catherine of my dear, dear sister Jimmie.

Giant Detroit Rally, Temple Baptist Church, August 4

In this issue of THE SWORD you will read of suggested plans for state-wide campaign of evangelism in Michigan to run through a year or more. The first great rally for enlistment and promotion and inspiration in this state-wide effort to win thousands of souls and stir revival fires will be held at the Temple Baptist Church, Detroit, the host pastor, Dr. G. B. Vick. In an auditorium seating 5,000, pastors, Christian workers, and lay people interested in soul winning and revival will gather to plan, to hear burning messages. Dinner will be provided by the great Temple Baptist Church, probably the largest church in the world. We hope for attendance from all over the state of Michigan, and we particularly want the prayers and counsel and fellowship of pastors.

Please Pray for Michigan Campaigns

With such an opportunity to win tens of thousands of souls in Michigan, God's people surely will be moved to pray. We are hearing from many evangelists to whom we have written giving plans and suggestions and asking for their approval, and these godly evangelists agree thoroughly with the plans and those who have any time available want to help.

It is a sad truth that many of the highly publicized evangelistic efforts leave a field barren, where no other great revivals follow soon. That is unfortunate. It was not true in the revivals of Torrey and Moody and Billy Sunday. We want to start revivals at the grass roots among God's people so that in every city and town and country place there will be not only a blessed stirring of revival fires and a reaping of precious souls, but that evangelistic doors will be opened for the out-and-out Christians, and defenders of the faith, Spirit-filled men of God. Will you pray that God will give wisdom, will raise up friends, will lead in the planning and promotion, all to His glory and to the benefit of the churches and the saving of thousands of souls?

The Many Invitations: Please Get Them Together When Possible

At Lake Louise last week it was a great joy as well as a distress to receive many invitations, to Birmingham, Atlanta, Tampa, High Point, Winston-Salem, etc. I urged then, and I urge now that wherever possible several pastors and churches get together for the conferences or revival efforts to which they invite me. It is impossible to accept all the invitations. My time is limited because of the heavy editorial duties. I feel I must reach as many as possible with the revival message when I go. So, brethren, wherever possible will you get others to join in the invitation and make large plans as possible?

Aunt Mary Coming to Help in "Kids Korner"

The devotees and readers of the "Kids Korner," led by Aunt Joy, will be glad to meet Aunt Mary who is coming to help in the "Kids Korner" soon. She has four fine children of her own, she is a sparkling and gifted teacher and soul winner. Kids, you will soon meet Aunt Mary!

Puzzles Still Going Strong!

About seventeen hundred of the letters which came this week working out the Bible crossword puzzle in THE SWORD OF THE LORD on "Great Chapters in the Bible" are correct. We sometimes get as many as twenty-eight hundred or more letters a week about the Bible crossword puzzle and every week some sixteen or seventeen hundred are right and receive a lovely gift for their work.

We are glad for the blessings many say they receive from this Bible crossword puzzle. The expense of giving out the pamphlets and prizes each week runs into hundreds of dollars a month, thousands of dollars a year, and we hope friends will sometimes send an offering to help.

Pleasing Comments on "Man Sent From God"

We have had a wonderful flow of letters from people who are delighted with the book, *Man Sent From God*, the biography of this unworthy editor written by Evangelist Robert L. Sumner. We are glad it is interesting. We are encouraged that young preachers say they are going to step out by faith and be true and trust God for great things, inspired by the answers to prayer and the faithful dealings of God recorded in this biography.

The book with 17 chapters sells for \$3.50. We pray that God will use it to honor His name and to stir up people to trust God and win souls and to be true to Christ at any cost.

Why Not Put THE SWORD in Your Will?

Many good Christians would do well to make provision in their wills for the Sword of the Lord Foundation. This nonprofit enterprise, which has been so greatly used of God for twenty-four and a half years in stirring revival fires and in winning souls, needs the support and help of God's people. Why not provide in your will for the ongoing of this soul-winning work?

Many others should plan this year to give large gifts to "Investment Evangelism," to retire long-term notes and form reserve needed in carrying on THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

You will remember our Free Literature Fund, our Ministers and Missionary Subscription Gift Fund, an evangelistic fund which we have promoted for Christian work in Japan, and many other phases of our work do not bring in enough money to care for the work. The editor takes no salary. Thousands are saved through this work. Will you prayerfully consider putting the Sword of the Lord Foundation in your will or making a gift well pleasing to God before this year is out? Gifts are deductible from taxable income.

Did you ever drive down a country road and pass a cemetery and look at tombstones and the mounds and stop to think that some whose bodies sleep in the cemetery possibly went to Hell? Jesus said in substance, "The road to Heaven is a narrow road, and not many people travel it. The way to Hell is a wide road, and many there be who travel this road to destruction." The Bible is explicit. There are only two places in eternity—Heaven and Hell. The Christian goes to Heaven, and the sinner goes to Hell. Heaven and Hell are separated by an impassable gulf. The Bible teaches that "... there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." The Bible teaches that, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." It teaches, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." —Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

INCIDENTS

and Illustrations

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner
Contributing Editor

Expensive Road Information

Isn't it nice of the service stations to provide the motorists with the "free" road maps to help them stay on the right road? Yet what is free to the motorist is expensive to the oil industry and the latter spends some 14 million dollars a year to provide these maps for their customers. As a matter of fact, some maps cost the companies up to \$20,000 even before the printer sees the copy. A Baton Rouge, Louisiana, spokesman said that a large percentage of the annual millions went to make certain that the maps were kept up to date with the latest road changes. Some of the larger companies provide as many as 60 different maps and other companies in coastal areas publish marine maps for the seafaring motorists as well as the highway maps for land-lubbers.

All of this is reminiscent of the tremendous price the Heavenly Father paid to supply us with free information about the road to Heaven. The divine road map states the matter simply, in response to the question about the way to Heaven, "*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*" (John 14:6). A tremendous price was paid to make that information available and to make possible that "gift of God."

"Neither Should (She) Eat"

A woman in her middle fifties was arrested in Miami the other day and charged with burglarizing hundreds of offices in federal buildings. In her defense, she stated that she never stole anything but "public funds" and that she did it because "this country certainly owes me a bare living." She told the police, "I helped Wendell Willkie when he ran for president. This country certainly owes me a bare living. I've seen billions handed out to foreigners in the halls of Congress. There ought to be something for me."

It seems that the woman, a Mrs. Elizabeth O'Neil, struck up acquaintances with night watchmen and then stole their keys when they weren't looking. Then she burglarized the offices—usually taking only five or ten dollars, even though she found more available, since she wanted "just enough to support myself." Then she began to think she might die of cancer and because she "didn't want to have my family find me in some flea bag, I moved into the Belford Hotel and after that I had to steal six dollars a day for my room."

The opinion of this undoubtedly mentally effected lady is unfortunately shared by altogether too many in this country. Our socialistic state is burdened by an untold number of folks who are simply out to beat the government out of a living, if at all possible. I am not talking about needy and deserving cases, but about those who are too shiftless to work. The Word of God has something to say about the latter, commanding, "*For even when we were with you, this we commanded, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread*" (II Thess. 3:10-12).

High Cost of Head-Hunting!

Did you ever wonder why certain groups of humans were head-hunters? A wrinkled, seventy-three-year-old tribal chief in the district known at the turn of the century as "the Head Hunters of Borneo" explained the matter to newsmen the other day. He said: "I'll give you four reasons we used to take heads: First, to show bravery in war; second, because

whenever anybody took a head there was a special feast and much merriment; third, to get the best seat at feasts, which went to the man with the most heads; fourth, to impress the girls."

Although two dozen smoke-blackened human skulls hung in baskets from the rafters of his long house, the chief, Penghulu Nanda Anak Itar, would not tell how many heads he himself had taken. An interpreter explained, "He is ashamed to talk about his own heads, they were so few."

The chief also had a word of explanation about why his people had stopped the despicable practice and become peaceful farmers (except for a brief flare-up of head-hunting against Japanese soldiers at the end of World War II), saying, "Yes, it is just as well head-hunting was abolished. It cost too much to hold a feast every time a head was brought in."

The above type head-hunting is unlawful now in all civilized states. However, there is another type head-hunting which has an unlimited "open season" here in our own civilized, Christian America. Some churches seem to specialize in seeing how many preacher's heads they can dangle from their belts. Not a few have far-flung reputations for crucifying their ministers. Some church boards, some individual deacons, and some disgruntled laymen apparently delight in ruining the ministry of pastors and getting them run out of town.

I know of one church, for example, which in a life of over a quarter of a century had "fired" every Bible preacher they had had and the "record" stay of anyone was eighteen months! Not all churches, thank God, follow this policy, but then neither do all tribes in heathen lands follow the policy of head-hunting!

To all head-hunting boards and churches, let me pass on the holy admonition, "*Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm*" (I Chron. 16:22; Ps. 105:15).

Evangelist Sumner can be seen and heard:

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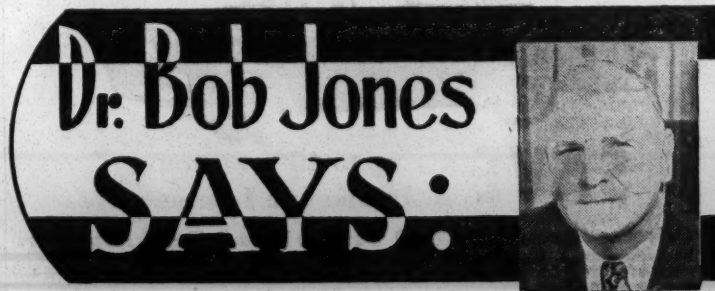
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Now, Bob Jones University is not going to surrender. If you

Kids Korner

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you, that is to pray and read the Bible at least every day. . . . I am now reading the Gospel Luke and am underlining with red pencil the parts which have instructed me a great deal. The best verse I have read was, 'I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance' (Luke 5:32). . . . Oh, Jesus, who leads us with love, which are great sinners! . . . Another girl from the Japanese S. B. C. wrote to tell what a comfort the Scripture was to her when she recently had an operation on her nose.

Many of you are missing out on the great blessings of God because you don't take time each day to read the Bible. That is why the Sword-Bearers Club was started last year—to encourage young folks to read at least a chapter in the Bible each day.

This club has its motto Ephesians 6:17, 18: ". . . Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit. . . ." Part of the armour a Christian needs to defeat the Devil in his life is the Sword of the Spirit—the Bible.

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Michigan Campaign Suggested

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pose such a state-wide campaign of evangelism in Michigan.

A Few Leaders Met on Thursday, June 4

On Thursday, June 4, by previous appointment, Evangelist Walt Handford and this editor met at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Pontiac a number of noble pastors in Michigan. Present were Dr. Tom Malone of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pontiac; Dr. G. B. Vick of the great Temple Baptist Church in Detroit; Dr. E. W. Martin of the First Nazarene Church, Detroit; Dr. Lehman Strauss of Highland Park Baptist Church, Highland Park, Michigan; Rev. G. B. Ham, pastor of Alpha Baptist Church in Detroit; Rev. G. J. Bersche of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Pontiac; Rev. Don Loughheed of Flint, Michigan; Rev. Jimmy Allen of Garden City, Michigan; and Rev. Wayne Van Gelderen of the Joy Road Baptist Church, Detroit.

I had talked by telephone to some of the pastors and we agreed to meet in Pontiac. The Emmanuel Baptist Church furnished luncheon for the preachers after our meeting from 10:00 till 12:00. As far as I can tell, there was wonderful unanimity of heart in the matter of a state-wide campaign to stress evangelism. This editor set out in some detail the plans, purposes, and methods we had in mind. Questions were asked and answered; each man spoke his mind freely.

We had a clear understanding that attendance at this or future meetings did not necessarily commit a pastor to go along with the campaign until and unless he should feel led to do so. No pastor could speak for his denomination as a whole. Churches and pastors would themselves decide the kind and amount of co-operation that was proper.

Plans were generally agreed upon, and it was decided that two large state-wide rallies should be held: One on Tuesday, August 4, in the Temple Baptist Church, Detroit, and one on Thursday, August 6, at some church to reach western Michigan, possibly in Grand Rapids. At these two rallies a sincere effort would be made to get all the fundamental pastors of the state who could do so to attend and counsel together and to further plans and organization as far as possible.

Here is an outline of plans discussed at the meeting in Pontiac.

I. Purpose

1. To set a pattern for evangelism, true to the Bible, not compromising with modernism and worldliness, honoring local churches, and without the extravagance, the worldly emphasis which tempt evangelism.
2. To help get good pastors and

evangelists together for revivals.

3. To help churches and church groups to put on mission revivals to help establish new churches where they are needed.

4. To help committees plan for city-wide or area-wide meetings, to help do some advance work, organize committees, introduce proven, reliable evangelists with sound doctrine, spiritual power, and who stand for the fundamentals of the faith.

II. The Time Element

1. Preparation this summer and fall.
2. Campaigns variously to come within one year's time, sooner or later, as plans can be made.

III. Supervision and Control

1. We suggested a sponsoring state-wide committee, possibly a hundred pastors.

2. An executive committee to have more detailed control and counsel in the work, men who would give the time and would use their wisdom and experience to keep the evangelism on the high spiritual, fruitful plane desired. The committee should represent several denominations if possible.

3. The editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD probably should be director, assisted by other men approved by the executive committee.

4. There ought to be a committee from each denominational group active in the campaign to help decide about mission meetings which these groups would want to sponsor, looking toward the organization of new, fundamentally sound congregations of Christians.

IV. Methods Suggested for Promoting Such a State-Wide Campaign of Evangelism

1. One-day rallies to be conducted by John R. Rice and some of the leading pastors who would help. Each one-day rally should include a conference with pastors, making available information about good evangelists, answering questions, deciding if in the local area there were housing developments and a need for new, fundamentally sound churches that might come out of a mission revival, planning with brethren in communities where it was found that a united area-wide or town-wide campaign would be desirable. Then there would be a large evening meeting with gospel preaching and inspiration to stir hearts for soul winning.

2. A list of approved and co-operating evangelists ought to be prepared with full information about each evangelist, reports on his revivals, a clear statement of doctrinal position. This material would be available to pastors who

might want a church meeting or to committees of pastors who might consider an area-wide campaign.

3. Where local groups felt the need of a united campaign, a temporary organization might be set up with committees to call for a larger meeting of preachers, and some experienced man might be brought into the community to offer counsel about meeting place, organization, and proper standards for a good evangelistic campaign.

4. It is probable that an office ought to be set up in Michigan to attend to publicity and to help plan one-day rallies; and from such an office advance work could be supervised in areas where it was needed to provide for campaigns.

V. The Basis on Which Pastors and Others Would Be Invited to Co-operate

1. As far as possible all God's people who agree on the great fundamentals of the faith ought to be invited to participate, with only the scriptural limitations. Psalm 119:63 says, "I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts." We understand this to mean that those who are born again, God's people, and definitely committed to the essentials of the faith so clearly set forth in the Scriptures should feel unity of heart and co-operate as far as they can.

2. We believe that the Scriptures clearly teach that unconverted people should never be asked to take any place of Christian leadership or control (II Cor. 6:14-18; II John 7-11; Eph. 5:11; Ps. 1:1). From these Scriptures it is clear that a modernist, one who does not agree on the essentials of the Christian faith including the deity, virgin birth, blood atonement, bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures, and the need for the new birth, should not be received as a Christian, should not be counted as a Christian brother, should not be supported. Modernists and unsaved people should then be definitely excluded from plans for control and direction of scriptural evangelism. No infidel needs to lead in prayer in order to get to hear the Gospel. No unconverted man needs to be on a committee to control the evangelist in order to attend a revival. We believe that revival efforts and all other Christian work ought to be controlled and directed by born-again Christians who believe in the great fundamentals of the historic Christian faith.

3. We believe that those who live an outrageous and brazen life of sin should not be received into full fellowship in evangelistic efforts or in the local church, according to I Corinthians 5:11: "But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat."

4. The born-again Christians who agree on the inspiration and full authority of the Bible, the deity, virgin birth, blood atonement, bodily resurrection, and second coming of Christ, and agree in the need for the new birth by faith in Christ do not necessarily agree on many minor matters. So the Scripture says, "Him that is weak in the faith, receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations" (Rom. 14:1). Those who differ on the mode of baptism may unite in winning souls. This editor believes in baptism by immersion and of believers only, but we would rather see one soul saved than ten thousand people baptized. Compared to the blood atonement of Christ, baptism is relatively far less important. So those who differ on forms of church government or differ on the security of believers or on some detail of the second coming might work together happily if they are agreed on the great principles of the Christian faith. However, such are invited to worship only if "not to doubtful disputations." So lesser matters ought not to be a divisive issue of debate in a united effort for soul winning.

5. Only those who are willing to work with THE SWORD OF THE LORD and with out-and-out fundamentalists are expected to co-operate.

The public generally knows that THE SWORD OF THE LORD, on the front page of every issue, announces itself as standing for "the verbal inspiration of the Bible, the deity of Christ, His blood atonement, salvation by faith, New Testament soul winning and the premillennial return of Christ." THE SWORD OF THE LORD also takes a clear stand that it "opposes modernism, worldliness and formalism." Born-again Christians, fundamental in the faith and willing to work with other Christians, if they are willing to go along with this kind of a standard of preaching and teaching, are welcome.

Would a Methodist pastor who is fundamental in doctrine, who believes and teaches that all the Bible is the Word of God, who believes in and preaches the deity, blood atonement, virgin birth, the verbal inspiration of the Bible—would such a sound Methodist preacher be invited to co-operate? Yes. We know that there are many modernists in leadership in the Methodist denomination. But an individual pastor who is out and out for the fundamentals of the faith and soul winning would be welcome to co-operate if he could do so without doubtful disputation. A Baptist pastor who co-operates with the American Baptist Convention we think makes a mistake to do so. But if his convictions and his life and his brotherliness make him acceptable for co-operation in such a state-wide campaign or in local campaigns, we welcome him.

Some brethren themselves work with modernists in local ministerial associations. We think that is wrong. But if they are really out-and-out fundamentalists whom we could work with on the great fundamentals of the faith and who could work with us in real brotherhood, we welcome them. We do not welcome any modernists to unite with us in soul-winning work. We welcome a modernist just like we welcome drunkards and harlots, to hear the Gospel and be blessed, but not to help control revival efforts.

If there are those who defend Dr. Billy Graham in his campaigns with modernists on the platform and on committees, we do not agree with them. But if they are out-and-out Bible believers themselves, and wish to come on the terms we have set forth and co-operate with us in revival campaigns, we welcome them. Dr. Billy Graham himself is not the issue. The Bible itself, the Gospel, the Great Commission, and the Saviour—these are the issues about which all revival efforts ought to center. We want Christians to be revived and sinners saved and Christ to be honored.

It is only fair to say here what we said to the brethren in Pontiac. We believe in preaching the do's of the Gospel and the don't's of the Gospel also. We believe in preaching faith, but we also believe in preaching repentance. We believe in preaching Heaven, but we also believe in preaching Hell. We believe in preaching salvation, but we also believe in preaching judgment. We are not only for the fundamentals of the faith, but we are against modernism and unbelief and say so. We now make very clear announcement that we do not want anybody to co-operate with us in revival who intends to put hobbles on preachers or gags on the mouths of God's prophets. We know that the preacher is commanded, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (II Tim. 4:2). We do not favor any

evangelistic effort which would try to keep God's men from preaching strong rebuke for sin as well as tender invitation and a glorious exaltation of the Lord Jesus. We respect honest men who have convictions and of course we expect honest men to respect us for having convictions and trying to follow them. But we earnestly undertake to be brotherly, to be true to Christ, to work for constructive results, as we have done all these years.

VI. Proposed Goals for the State-Wide Michigan Campaign

1. To stimulate church revivals, encourage pastors, suggest proven evangelists, to give information. We would hope that hundreds of single-church revival campaigns would be promoted, many of them in churches which otherwise might not have a good campaign.

2. We would hope to have mission revivals in some new housing areas where bands of Christians or good churches might feel led to mother a mission Sunday School and help prepare for a new church. Many new fundamentally sound local churches ought to grow out of such mission revivals, mothered by churches or groups of churches until they can become self-supporting.

3. United campaigns, area-wide, city-wide, or town-wide with two or more churches, wherever local pastors feel the need and can enlist enough support for such campaigns. Local committees of course would need to agree on what evangelist, what time, and other details.

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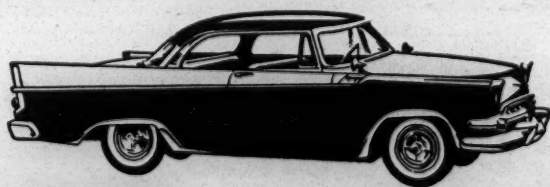
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By Evangelist Walt Handford, Assistant Editor

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getting people committed to soul winning. Then there will be practical, detailed soul-winning instruction given to all who want it. There will be clinics on how to build great soul-winning Sunday Schools and churches led by men who have shown they know how to do it. On two afternoons those at the conference who desire to will go on organized house-to-house visitation in Murfreesboro.

At our conference at Lake Louise earlier this month, 167 were saved in this type of soul-winning program. For many people it was the first time they had ever done any house-to-house visitation. One man with tears in his eyes told me how the conference had revolutionized his life and taught him how to win souls. This could be your experience at the Bill Rice Ranch, August 16-21.

We will have the best program this year we have ever had at any Sword Conference at the Bill Rice Ranch. Dr. Lee Roberson, pastor of the great Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, with some 16,000 members, will be speaking Monday and Tuesday. Dr. Tom Malone, pastor of the thriving Emmanuel Baptist Church of Pontiac, Michigan, with some 1,800 in Sunday School, will be speaking on Friday. Dr. John R. Rice, editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and fervent Bible preacher will be speaking Tuesday through Friday. Dr. Bill Rice and I will be on hand all week speaking and directing the activities on the conference grounds. Music and special young people's services will be under the

With the EVANGELISTS

By the Editor

Despite opposition by teen-agers and some in the community, God gave a blessed revival at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. It was a two-week county-wide tent revival sponsored by the Faith Baptist Temple, R. L. Honeycutt, pastor. The evangelist was D. LARRY CLAYTON. A 60 x 90 tent was erected for the meeting. The report to us says that "15 people walked the sawdust trail for Christ and the whole community was awakened to the fact that there are still Bible-believing Christians standing for the whole truth found in God's Word."

EVANGELIST W. E. (BILL) SUMMERLIN, 804 Johnston Drive, Anniston, Alabama, was the speaker at a recent revival campaign at Holston Baptist Church, Bluff City, Tennessee. Pastor Al Price reports 23 professions of

faith, including 2 alcoholics and a good number of rededications. He highly commends the evangelist saying, "I have never worked with a man who was more burdened for souls or more completely dependent upon the Lord. He is a tireless worker and a great believer in visitation."

Revival services in the First Free Will Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, were held in a unique manner June 14-20. There were four preachers instead of one. The Musical Messenger's Quartet sang and preached each evening in inspiring services, reports Rev. R. Eugene Waddell, pastor. This quartet conducted Bible School during the day. There were a good many people saved during the revival. The Musical Messengers are: DAVE COCHRAN, New York, who plays the piano and sings baritone—a graduate of Columbia Bible College; R. J. KENNEDY, Greenville, North Carolina, who sings bass—a student at the Free Will Baptist Bible College; and the twins, MILTON and MELVIN WORTHINGTON, who sing first and second tenor and do most of the preaching—graduates of Columbia Bible College.

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One of the greatest campaigns in the history of Van Dyke Baptist Church in Warren, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit, was just completed with REV. AND MRS. JACK VAN IMPE, 14 Gage Street, Pontiac 16, Michigan. So wrote the pastors of the church, Rev. A. Behnken and Rev. Staley M. Sorrell. The meeting was from June 14-21. On several nights the auditorium was filled, with crowds overflowing into the annex. There were 30 conversions, 10 restorations, and many rededications. Included in the decisions for salvation were 2 Roman Catholics, one of whom was a fifty-year-old man who had been dealt with for three years.

Too, the unsaved will remember the prayer of godly mother and father. Many nights they prayed for you. Those prayers have followed you all the way down life's journey. They shall continue to follow you; yea, even in Hell you will never be able to drown the sound of those earnest prayers from your tormented souls. The unsaved man discovers sixty seconds after death.

That He Has Missed the Greatest Thing This Life Has to Offer

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That All Opportunities to Get Saved Are Forever Gone

Jesus has said, "If ye die in your sins, whither I go ye cannot come." God deals with the unsaved only as of this moment. There is no tomorrow in God's plan of redemption. It is always NOW. Isaiah 1:18, "Come NOW, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

Note that the rich man in Hell did not ask for another chance to be saved. He well knew that forever those opportunities were gone. Yes, we hear him crying for mercy and for one drop of water to touch his tongue, but never does he ask for another opportunity. There are no additional chances. Some religions offer man hope after death if they die in their sins. However, the Bible not one time ever offers any such hope. Sixty seconds after death your chance to be saved is forever over. There will be no second chance. There are no priests, however priestly they may appear to be, who can lift one sinner from the fires.

With death sure and eternity long, why not seek the Lord today "while He may be found"? Why not "call ye upon him while he is near"? The monster of death is after you. Sooner or later death will overtake you. With his cold fingers he will choke the very life from your body. Your eyes will close in death. Your spirit will depart from the body to be either with the Lord in Paradise or to lift its eyes from the regions of the damned.

Remember, the Word has promised, "... him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out." Will you come right now? The Lord is near. He is ready to save you. Will you call upon Him?

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What the Lost Man Discovers . . .

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That God Has A Record of Their Sin

Rev. 20:12, "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

Could it be possible that some of you who read these lines think your sins are hid from the eyes of God? The Bible is very clear that in Heaven God is keeping a record of all sin. That sin you think is successfully hidden from your wife, God knows about. That sin you think is successfully hidden from your pastor, God knows about and has a record of it in the books of Heaven. Great will be the humiliation of the sinner when he hears God begin to read the record of his sins from the books.

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That Satan Has Lied to Him

John 8:44, "When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." It is the business of the Devil to deceive you and to lie to you. Multitudes have believed the lies of the Devil to their own doom.

Satan lies about your getting by with sin. He says you can get by. He tells sinners to indulge to the very limit because there is a judgment to come. Yet the Scriptures say, "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall reap everlasting life." Here is an eternal truth. No man is able to "get by" this law of sowing and reaping.

Satan has lied about your being judged for sin. He is busy telling people there is no judgment. Yet the Scriptures say, "For as it is appointed unto man once to die, after this the judgment." Revelation 20:12, the verse I have given above, clearly states the certainty of the coming judgment.

Too, Satan lies about waiting

for a better opportunity. A more convenient time will come, says he. Now is the time. Never will you have a better opportunity to be saved than right now. When once you lift your eyes and fruitless cries from an eternal Hell, then forever it is too late to be saved. Then you will discover sixty seconds after death that Satan has lied to you.

The unsaved man discovers sixty seconds after death

That There Is Literal Fire In Hell

Luke 16:23, "... for I am tormented in this flame." There are many religionists today who have tried to remove the fire from Hell. This is no new device of Satan. Down through many years he has tried to get people to believe this lie. Some have believed it to their own doom.

Every Bible writer certifies the fact of fire in Hell. Then, Jesus four times in Mark 9 states clearly, "where the worm dieth not and the fires never shall be quenched." The unsaved person dying in his sins finds out the truth of this sixty seconds after death.

In many pulpits today the message of Hell is a forsaken note. Preachers are trying to make people feel good in their sin instead of warning them of the fires of judgment in Hell. One Baptist preacher remarked in his message that though he had preached for twenty-five years in Baptist churches, never had he brought a message on Hell. Is it any small wonder that the masses do not fear God nor regard His commands? Oh, for preachers today like Jonathan Edwards who preached the famous sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of An Angry God." While this sermon was being delivered men and women screamed out for mercy, lest they fall immediately into an eternal Hell.

Modernist and false religions have perverted the Word as to remove the fact of Hell. Many sinners scoff at the preaching of Hell. They turn aside any warning of judgment. They think the idea of Hell has passed away with the last generation. Sixty seconds after death they shall find out the

truth of the Word; there is fire in Hell.

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That He Still Retains His Memory

Luke 16:25, "... Son, remember . . ." To be sure the memory will add to the sufferings of Hell. The unsaved will remember the Gospels of Jesus in its tender appeal in Hell. The greatest story ever told or ever heard by mortal ear will not be forgotten by the masses in Hell. Souls in Hell who heard such men as Sunday, Moody, Spurgeon, Torrey and others preach the Gospel will remember the pure Gospel from the lips of the anointed men. What torment in the minds of these to remember such sermons!

The lost in Hell will remember the conviction of the Holy Spirit. As surely as the Spirit convicts, those who reject this conviction and who die in their sins will remember the tender voice which called them to repentance. Often the Spirit may deal with some of you, only to be ignored by your cold, irresponsible heart. I mark you, in Hell you shall remember those times when you turned Him away. Look at Felix who trembled under the convicting power of the spirit, yet who turned this call away. Felix in Hell, this moment, remembers the time of this great conviction.

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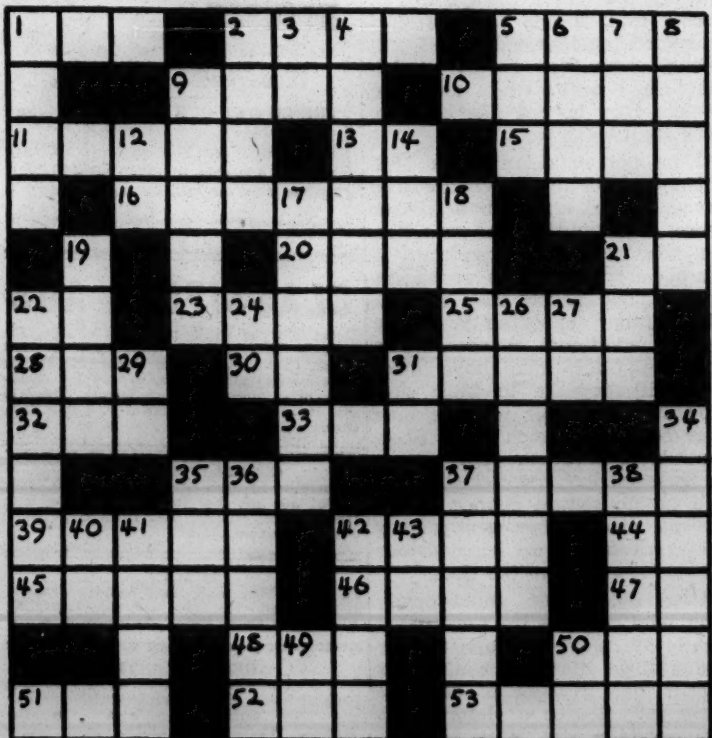
- 1 "his feet shall stand in that day upon _____ mount of olives"
- 2 "every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the _____ of hosts"
- 5 "immediately the _____ was at the land whither they went" John 6
- 9 "Through faith also _____ herself received strength to conceive seed" Heb. 11
- 10 "This _____ be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations"
- 11 "it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with _____" Heb. 13
- 13 "living waters shall _____ out from Jerusalem"
- 15 girl's name
- 16 "In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord _____ upon a throne" Isa. 6
- 20 brother of Mamre, confederate of Abram (Gen. 14:13)
- 21 "I am no prophet, I am _____ husbandman" Zech. 13
- 22, 23, 25 "And the Lord shall _____ all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord"
- 28 flowing back of the tide to the sea
- 30 initials for the Mother and Father of Isaac (Gen. 21:3)
- 31 "But their laying _____ was known of Saul" Acts 9
- 32 "if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, _____, stubble" I Cor. 3
- 33 "afterward they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of _____" Acts 13
- 35 first three letters of another name for Joshua (Num. 13:8)
- 37 "thou shalt make a _____ of pure gold" Exod. 28
- 39 "it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be _____"
- 42 "They shall have like portions to eat, beside that which cometh of the _____ of his patrimony" Deut. 18
- 44 initials of the son of Solomon and his grandson (I Chron. 3:10)
- 45 a play
- 46 "they had sent unto the house of God. . . their men, to _____ before the Lord" Zech. 7
- 47 Hebrew name for God
- 48 son of Peleg (Gen. 11:18)
- 50 "when ye did _____, and when ye did drink, did not ye _____ for yourselves?" Zech. 7
- 51, 52 "the Lord my God shall come, and _____ saints with thee"
- 53 "ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the _____-quake in the days of Uzziah"

Clues Down

- 1 "it shall come to pass, that at evening _____ it shall be light"
- 2 "Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the _____ end" Dan. 8
- 3 "Hath this been in your days, _____ even in the days of your fathers?" Joel 1
- 4 "_____ waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame" Jude
- 5 "but _____ of her want did cast in all that _____ had" Mark 12
- 6 "it is better for thee to enter into life _____ or maimed, rather than. . ." Matt. 18
- 7 "Love worketh no _____ to his neighbor" Rom. 13
- 8, 19 "All the land shall be turned as a _____ from _____ to Rimmon south of Jerusalem"
- 9 "Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one _____, and write upon it" Ezek. 37
- 12 "fight against those nations, _____ when he fought in the day of battle"
- 14 "in that day shall there be _____ Lord, and his name _____"
- 17 a city of Manasseh (Josh. 21:25)
- 18 "Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall _____ up" Zech. 6
- 19 see 8 down
- 21 "can the heavens give showers? _____ not thou he, O Lord our God?" Jer. 14
- 22 "_____ the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided"
- 24 "upon the mount of Olives, which _____ before Jerusalem on the east"
- 26 "ye shall flee to the _____ of the mountains"
- 27 initials of the brother of Jacob and the father of Jacob (Gen. 25:28)
- 29 "Should ye not hear the words which the Lord hath cried _____ the former prophets?" Zech. 7
- 31 "ye shall flee, like _____ ye fled from before the earthquake"
- 34 "the _____ of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together"
- 35 measure of electrical resistance
- 36 to begin
- 37 "from Benjamin's gate unto the _____ of the first gate, unto the corner gate"
- 38 "verily I will cause the enemy to (en) _____ thee well in the time of evil" Jer. 15
- 40 father of Shuppim and Huppim (I Chron. 7:12)
- 41 "They gave me also _____ for my meat" Ps. 69
- 42 "because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will _____ thee out" Rev. 3
- 43 city on the border of Moab (Num. 21:15)
- 49 initials of two prophets of God (I Kings 17:1; II Chron. 16:7)
- 50 the son of Jose (Luke 3:28, 29)

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No noble gift to bring.
"Five loaves and two small fishes?"
But what alas are they
Among the throngs of hungry
Who crowd life's troubled way?

"Five loaves and two small fishes?"
Not much, dear heart, 'tis true;
But yield them to the Master
And see what He can do!
Placed in His hands of mercy
Thy little will be much.
'Tis not thy gift that matters,
But His almighty touch!

—Avis B. Christiansen

Who Stands in Your Shoes?

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of the stranger until Jubilee. This law is set forth in Leviticus 25:28.

The same thing was true in the sale of man himself; that is, God would not permit an Israelite to sell himself or any member of his family into servitude unless poverty compelled such a thing, and then the sale could not be in perpetuity. This is stated in Leviticus 25:47-55.

By this law, the kinsman was obliged to redeem the forfeited inheritance of a poverty-stricken relative, or when the poverty had compelled a relative to sell himself into slavery, the kinsman was obligated to procure his release and set him free.

There was another obligation which rested upon a kinsman in a case where a relative died without issue; that is, without leaving a son to carry on the line. No son would mean the cutting off of his name and his house in Israel. This was looked upon by the Israelites as a dire calamity. They believed that each individual's existence continued in the existence of his house. Jacob continued to live in his descendants so his descendants are called Jacob, the descendants of Judah are called Judah, the descendants of Ephraim are called Ephraim, etc.; so to have no descendants was looked upon as a disaster. God decreed that the childless widow of the dead man should not marry a stranger, but that the kinsman should take her to be his wife. When such a marriage took place, the first-born son of the marriage would not be regarded as the son of his father, but would be regarded as the son of the dead man. This son would bear the name of the dead man and receive his inheritance.

The importance with which God regarded this is seen in that black chapter, Genesis 38, where Onan refused to do the part of a kinsman because "he knew that the seed would not be his." This was so evil in the sight of the Lord that He slew Onan. This provision by God is set forth in Deuteronomy 25:5-10. The contempt with which a kinsman who refused this obligation was treated is also indicated in this Scripture.

The Story

In the first chapters of the book of Ruth we have the story of Elimelech's migration to Moab. Naomi was the wife of Elimelech. They had two sons, Mahlon and Chilion. These two sons married two daughters of Moab, Orpah and Ruth. In the course of time all three husbands died, leaving three widows, Naomi, Orpah, and Ruth. Two of these widows, Naomi and Ruth, came back to Bethlehem.

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The property of Elimelech belonged to Naomi, for property was always vested in the childless widow, although Ruth also had an interest in the property. The property would not be considered by any Israelite as belonging to a Moabitess, of course, but Ruth was in the family of Elimelech. She bore the name of the dead man, and it was only through her that the line could be perpetuated. The property held by Naomi went in equity and in law with the hand of Ruth. No one could claim the one without taking the other. The hand of Ruth had not been taken, so Naomi was compelled to dispose of the property, since she was unable to maintain it.

The plan to sell necessitated the redeemer. A purchaser was needed. Naomi could sell to any one, even to a stranger, but only a kinsman could marry Ruth, hence the necessity of a kinsman in this case.

In Ruth 3:12-13 the kinsman-redeemer appears. We have in this fourth chapter the quaint proceedings at the gate of Bethlehem. A nearer kinsman than Boaz is stopped. Ten witnesses are called. Ten is a symbol of completeness. By law, ten constituted a legal assembly. The proposition was presented to the nearer kinsman, including the privilege of redemption of the land and the duty of marriage to Ruth. The nearer kinsman said, "I cannot redeem lest I mar mine own inheritance."

There are several reasons why his inheritance might be marred. More children might involve his own inheritance if there had been other children by a previous marriage. Or if he were unmarried and only one son was born, that son of Ruth would not bear his name, but the name of the family of Elimelech, and that would mean that the name of the kinsman may be extinguished in Israel. Or perhaps it was because he would not marry a Moabitess. The curse of the law rested upon the Moabite (Deut. 23:3). He probably knew the great trouble that had come to the family of Elimelech in Moab, and he feared that the same trouble might be visited upon him.

In this case the usual ignominy was spared the kinsman who refused to redeem, but he did follow the old custom of plucking off the shoe and handing it to Boaz.

This was an interesting proceeding. The failure of the nearer kinsman was manifested before all the people. His inability was publicly announced, and his shoe was given to Boaz in the presence of all the people. That meant that he renounced all duties and privileges of the kinsman-redeemer which he could perform. That meant that he would never lay claim to the estate which Boaz was to purchase, and that he would never lay claim to Ruth. Boaz was to take his place as redeemer.

In other words, Boaz stood in his shoes.

Probably from this ancient custom has come the expression, "I would hate to be in that man's shoes"; or the proverb "I would not stand in that man's shoes." Meaning what? I would not want to bear that man's responsibility. This custom existed among many ancients because property was taken possession of by treading upon the soil. So Jehovah said to Israel, "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given you" (Josh. 1:3).

With some Orientals the taking off of the shoe and transferring it to another was the symbol of the transfer of property. From this may have come the custom of throwing shoes after a bride.

We repeat that when Boaz received the shoes of the nearer

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kinsman, he stood in the shoes of the redeemer. He not only redeemed the field of Naomi and took Ruth to be the wife of his bosom, but he brought back from the dead a family that had been blotted out in death, for he became the father of a child that bore the name of Elimelech. The name of Elimelech's family is again listed in Israel. There is a man with his name. That amounts to resurrection, for the man cut off is alive again.

The Application

A beautiful application of the story of Ruth may be made to Israel and her forfeited inheritance. We desire, however, to go beyond this and make an application to all men.

In the beginning God gave man an inheritance. He said to Adam, "Have dominion" (Gen. 1:28). "The earth hath he given to the children of men" (Ps. 115:16).

Genesis 3 gives us the sad story of Adam delivering his possession to a stranger—the Devil. Man lost his inheritance just as Israel lost her inheritance—through disobedience to God.

But worse than that—Adam was sold, himself and every one of his posterity, into slavery, the slavery of sin. "He that committeth sin is the bondsman of sin." Furthermore, Adam died and left his posterity a widow. His widowed posterity is like Naomi. We are in possession of that which does not belong to us. Satan is the prince of this world, the god of this age. To use a present-day term, Satan holds a mortgage on our earth. The word "mortgage" means "death pledge." A mortgage is death to an owner's possession of a property if the obligation is not met. A man may possess a mortgaged piece of property, but another has a prior claim.

Let us present the picture in another way: We are like the man cut off in death, for through Adam's failure we are all counted dead in trespasses and sins.

Where is the kinsman who can redeem our forfeited inheritance?

Where is the kinsman who can liberate us from the slavery of sin?

Where is the kinsman who can raise up the fallen widow?

Where is the kinsman who can make a dead man to live again?

Remember that the redeemer must be a kinsman. He must be of our flesh and blood. The only One who can redeem creatures of flesh and blood is the One who "also likewise himself took part of the same."

There is a nearer kinsman, to be sure. Who is he? Your "old man," for there is none of nearer connection than he. But the "old man" could not redeem us. He must say, "I cannot redeem." He has the right of redemption, but not the ability.

There are ten witnesses to the inability of the "old man" to redeem—the Ten Commandments. They testify to the utter inability of the "old man" to extricate himself from the trouble and peril in which he finds himself. "By the law is the knowledge of sin."

Someone has said that the Ten Commandments might be called the ten "nots"; thou shalt NOT make any graven image; thou shalt NOT bow down thyself to them; thou shalt NOT take the name of the Lord in vain; thou shalt NOT work on the Sabbath; thou shalt NOT kill; thou shalt NOT commit adultery; thou shalt NOT steal; thou shalt NOT bear false witness; thou shalt NOT covet thy neighbor's house; thou shalt NOT covet thy neighbor's wife. With one exception all of the Ten Commandments are negative, seeking to lay restraint upon the awful sin of a man's heart. In them, the ten *nots* are all saying, "You cannot redeem."

As in the case of Ruth, the nearer kinsman must be disposed of before the "Second Man" can accomplish our redemption, and this "old man" was effectually disposed of by way of the cross, for our "old man" was crucified (Rom. 6:6).

Then comes our Boaz. He stands in our shoes. He is the Kinsman who is able to redeem.

In this connection we call atten-

tion to an interesting interpretation of John 1:27 by Frederick Whitfield. The passage reads, "He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe latchet I am not worthy to unloose." The explanation is as follows: "It is commonly supposed that in the words of John the Baptist we have his humility, his utter unworthiness to stoop down to loose the shoe latchet of the shoes worn by the Lord. BUT THAT IS NOT THEIR MEANING—except in a secondary sense. His meaning is this—I cannot stand in the shoe for I am not the Redeemer." The context makes this clear. The Jews sent priests and Levites to ask him, "Who art thou?" And he confessed and denied not, saying, "I am not the Christ." John would not stand in the shoe because he was not the Redeemer. He thus proclaimed that the only One who could stand in the shoe was Christ Himself. He was next of kin—bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh."

Bernard uses the shoe in a mystical sense to denote the humanity by which Christ became our Kinsman Redeemer. He says, "The majesty of the Word is shod with the sandal of our humanity."

Boaz paid the price of redemption. Our Lord paid the price of our redemption. The price was not silver and gold such as Boaz paid, for we are redeemed not with silver and gold, but with the precious blood of our Lord. The price Boaz paid included the gift of himself. The price our Lord paid included the gift of Himself. Boaz did not begrudge the redemption price. How could he when his heart was wrapped up in Ruth? Our Lord did not begrudge the price He had to pay. How could He, when He loved us even before the foundation of the world?

And now widowed humanity, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, is married to another. The marriage of Boaz to Ruth was "that the name of the dead be not cut off." In Adam all have died unto God. Our names have been cut off, but in Christ we are made alive. We live. Our names are recorded in heaven.

The Redeemed

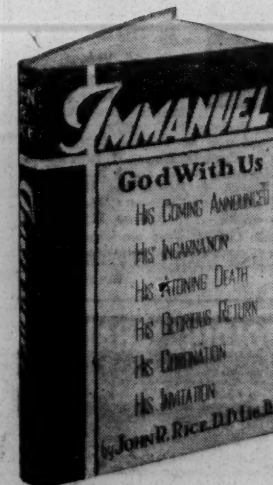
And what did Ruth do in all this? She was a poor, despised, Moabitish girl who was under a curse. The secret of her redemption is found in her question of 2:10, "Why have I found grace in thy eyes?" Law barred her out, but grace brought her in. She was a stranger, an alien, an enemy, even as we were by nature strangers, enemies, aliens. She was saved by grace, and we, too, are saved by grace.

In Ruth 3:18 Naomi gives good advice to Ruth. She says, "Sit still," and that is what Ruth did. She sat still and permitted Boaz to do everything. As a rule when there is anything important to be done, the person interested cannot sit still unless assured that the matter rests in competent and faithful hands. Ruth ventured all upon the faithfulness of Boaz. She sat still because the work was not hers, but his.

This pictures salvation by faith. We sit still, trusting in Him. It is not by our works that we are saved. Ruth sat still, wholly trusting Boaz, and as a result obtained what her heart had never even conceived when she left Moab. From the position of pauper she was raised to the dignity of a princess, to the love of a husband, to the joy of motherhood. How our Lord has lifted us, exalted us, enriched us! Our possessions in Christ are far above anything we could ask or think. This was because we sat still and rested wholly upon our Boaz, who alone is able to accomplish redemption.

The one thing Ruth did was to bear Obed, whose name means "serving." Her redemption did not come because she bore Obed, but Obed came because she was redeemed. Even so "by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

(From The Savior in the Shadows)



Obey the Bible Though the Stars Fall

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the Jewish race that did not belong to anybody else.

God chose Israel for several purposes: He was going to bring through the loins of that race the Messiah; that race was to be a repository for the truth of one God; that race was to be separated and live its testimony. So, God Almighty said, "I have to train this race, and I am going to make a law." In that law He said, "The Sabbath has to be kept. Nobody can do any work that day; don't desecrate it. It is My day and your day to remind you in all ways that I am separated to you and you are separated to me" (See Exod. 31:12-18). This was a law specifically for Israel. It does not apply to us. All the spiritual and moral laws, "Thou shalt not kill," "Thou shalt not steal," etc., apply to everybody, but there were religious laws that no longer apply to us. I don't keep Saturday. Our day is the resurrection day. It is a day of activity. It should be kept sacred. We should remember it. But this Sabbath day was set aside by Almighty God Himself as a sign of His separation to the Jews as a race and of their separation to Him.

If you turn to Numbers 15:16-36, you will read how God dealt with one who disobeyed this law of the Sabbath. A man gathered sticks upon the Sabbath day. Now remember, we read in Exodus 31 where God had said that if a man worked on the Sabbath, he should be cut off from his people. So God told Moses that this man who had violated the law of the Sabbath should be put to death (Num. 15:35, 36). Some people say, "Isn't the God of the Old Testament terrible?" No! He is a good God. He is a holy God. He is a just God. God Almighty never sets aside one of His laws that applies to the people that are supposed to keep it. This was a law for Israel and not for us.

I would try to pick up sticks before Sunday if I could; but if I had to do it on Sunday, God has not ordered me to be killed. What I want to say to you young people is that you cannot tamper with the law of God that does fit your case. If there is something that fits you, you had better watch out.

God distinguished between sins through ignorance and presumptuous sins. Of course, we are not to be ignorant if there is something we could know and yet we don't know it. God said that the soul that sinned presumptuously reproached the Lord and he should be cut off from his people because he despised the Word of the Lord and broke the Lord's commandment (Num. 15:30, 31). Now, this man who picked up sticks on

the Sabbath knew better; so God had him killed. The children of Israel brought him without the camp and stoned him with stones and he died, as God had commanded Moses (vss. 35, 36).

We are facing a situation in America today where men presumptuously set aside the law of God. They are doing exactly what this man did that picked up sticks on the Sabbath. Remember, the Devil operates in the realm of the religious. Notice closely. The flesh produces corruption. The Devil doesn't have to do much to your flesh. He may make you look at something that will make you think you are wise, as he did Eve in the Garden of Eden. He may make you look at something that tastes good and the flesh may lead you away from God; but the flesh naturally produces corruption always. But when you move around the Devil, you will find him usually operating in the realm of religion.

Jesus Lived and Died By the Written Word of God

When Jesus Christ came to this earth to die on a cross, the Devil promised Him the kingdoms of this world if Jesus would worship him. Jesus could not be stopped from going to the cross for that was why He came to this earth. From the morning of eternity, Jesus looked across uncreated ages, which as a parenthesis, was thrown into eternity. The Lamb was slain from before the foundation of the world (Rev. 13:8). The blood is older than sin, and the Son of God came down to this earth to die. The Devil said to Jesus, "You don't have to die. Just bend your knee a little. Compromise and you won't have to die."

Jesus said, "Get behind me, Satan. I know where I am going. It is written . . ." Jesus quoted the Word of God each time the Devil tempted Him. All through the earthly life Jesus kept saying, "Mine hour is not yet come," but when He came to the shadow of the cross, He said, "This is it. This is why I came." On the cross He said, "It is finished." He had come to do His Father's will and He was obedient unto death, even the death of the cross (Phil. 2:8). The people who try to preach Jesus as only an example today might well study His life of obedience to the will and Word of His Father.

Jesus said, "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30), and He said, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). He also said, "If a man love me,

he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me" (John 14:23, 24).

It Is Presumptuous Sin to Go Against a Known Command of God

There are people trying to trample on divine law today just as the man who picked up sticks on the Sabbath. Suppose the people of Israel had said, "He needed a fire so he had to pick up sticks" and thus tried to excuse him. They would have been guilty of presumptuous sin for God had said he must be killed. Young people, when God Almighty clearly reveals something in this Book which is His Book and you offer an excuse to go against His Word and then try to justify it on some basis of your intellectual approach, you are guilty of presumptuous sin. You had better not tamper with God Almighty. He had some fellows killed for doing a similar thing.

In the New Testament there is a clear inference that God still has people killed or lets them die, even His own children. "There is a sin unto death." Deliberately setting aside something God has said by going contrary to a clear command of God is presumptuous sin. It is setting our opinion of what is right against the opinion of Almighty God. We are living in the most presumptuous period in human history.

It is presumptuous for anybody to go into an evangelistic campaign sponsored by men who do not believe in the virgin birth, the inspiration of the Bible, the blood atonement, the incarnation, the bodily resurrection. It is wrong to be sponsored by those who set aside the Word of God and say the Bible possibly contains or may contain the Word of God. God will not overlook the sin of people who try to do God's work by lining up with God's avowed enemies. That is forbidden in the Word of God, clearly and definitely. I have offered \$1,000 to anybody in the world who can find one verse of Scripture that justifies that kind of sponsorship.

Many people excuse themselves by going with this wrong sponsorship because the results look good to them. You are not to judge things as good because they look good to you. You are to judge what looks good to you by what God says about what you are seeing. We are in one grand mess in this country. Schools that have stood for orthodoxy, that have magnified the Word of God, preachers who have called mourners to the mourners' bench up and down this country, are selling out presumptuously in the most dangerous day in the history of Christianity in America. Bob Jones University, by the grace of God, is not going to sell out if the stars drop out of their silver sockets and fall on this campus. We are going to say, "When God says it, that settles it."

One Who Wants to Obey Can Know How to Do Right

There are things in the Bible about the future that are not clear to me. There are depths of meaning in Scripture that I have never been able to explore, but I know how God wants a Christian to live. There isn't one fundamental essential that isn't clear in the Word of God. "Thou shalt not steal." That is clear. You know what stealing is. There is a lot of it going on in this country. Somebody says, "Well, there is a fellow who has plenty of money. It won't hurt him to lose it, and I need it." But God said, "Thou shalt not steal." When it is clear you had better listen. You had better be careful. Let me tell you, young people, you are living in a dangerous day—dangerous from a moral standpoint.

When I was a boy, people kept the law. A man who wouldn't keep the law had no standing. Now, they say, "It is an unreasonable law. I am going to keep what I want to keep." But what does God say? He had a man killed for disobeying His law. "Oh," someone says, "you don't believe God killed somebody for picking up sticks?" Yes, I do. This old Book, hoary with the age of centuries, written

with the finger of inspiration, born on Sinai and completed amid the splendors of the Apocalypse, said to the Jews, "Don't you do any work on the Sabbath because that is a special day I have set apart to signify that I am related to you and you are related to me in a peculiar way." When the man broke that law, God had to have him stoned because He had said this punishment would happen and God's Word is true and just.

Many people say, "I believe in liberty." What kind of liberty? Liberty to do what you want to do? Liberty to do what looks right to you? No. What does God say about it? When I was a boy, if something came up we went to see what the Bible said. Some fellow would say, "So-and-so." We would say, "Is that in the Bible?" "Yes, that is in the Bible. I will show it to you." "Well, that settles it."

Our forefathers believed the Bible and when they had religious debates in this country in the old days, they stood up and said, "Now we agree that whatever the Bible says is so. We don't agree about some things it says; we don't understand it exactly alike; but whatever it does say is so." They would have debates for two or three days, but if a man in that house had said, "I don't believe the Bible," they would have said, "There goes a Tom Paine, a Bob Ingersoll, a Voltaire, and he is a blasphemer."

As long as you believe this Bible is so, there is hope for you. When the day comes in America when Protestant Christianity has no authoritative Bible, Protestant Christianity will become anemic and die an apostate; and we are getting there now.

Dr. John Rice and some of the rest of us have asked God for strength to take this message to the world. Up and down this country we are having conferences. We are not going to take it sitting down. Other schools can do as they please. You have schools in America that were founded by Christian men who stood for the Word of God and were ridiculed in the old days for standing with what they called the fanatical crowd. Others came along and tried to fix up these schools, make them attractive, so everyone will think they are intellectual. We will match Bob Jones University's achievements against any of the rest of them—achievements under God; and we know where we are going. I would rather God Almighty would send an earthquake and put this university in a heap of rubbish than to ever for one moment have anybody teaching here that it doesn't make any difference what we believe about God's Word.

To Disregard Authority of the Bible Turns Toward Neo-orthodoxy

This neo-orthodox crowd is saying that today. They are a million times worse than a modernist because they are the Devil dressed up in the robes of piety. They come strutting around. Hell won't be hot enough for them. God will have to strike a match on the rock of His omnipotence and get some burning brimstone hotter. Listen, I had rather as an American citizen approve of thieves and robbers than as a preacher to approve of religious thieves that steal the faith of saints.

The most precious thing in the world is Christian faith. My mother died, but in the valley of the shadow she had peace. When my father died, he called me to the bedside, talked to me about the Lord, had prayer with me and after a while began to sing, "Jesus, Saviour, pilot me Over life's tempestuous sea." He kept singing with the tremble of death on his lips until he reached those last words, "When at last I near the shore, And the fearful breakers roar, 'Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on Thy breast, May I hear Thee say to me, 'Fear not, I will pilot thee.'"

You young people ought to be on your knees thanking God you are in a place that still holds on to the Bible as the Word of God in this day of skepticism, doubt, wickedness, juvenile crime, and apostasy. Conditions today are like they were when Noah preached and they laughed at him. You can't find any sensible reason for setting aside the law of God. Rightly divide the Scripture. That

is all right. God is not going to kill you for picking up some sticks on the Sabbath, but the God who said throw rocks at the man who presumptuously disobeyed Him is the same God that is looking down on you. You had better quit playing with God and judgment.

Christians Cannot Get By With Disobedience

God won't even let His children do wrong and get away with it. Moses, the man who gave the orders of God to stone the man for picking up sticks, did not get by with disobedience. One day the people were thirsty and they were murmuring and longing for Egypt! Aaron and Moses fell on their faces before the Lord and God told them to "take the rod, gather the people, and speak to the rock and it would bring forth water (Num. 20:8). Moses took the rod and gathered the assembly as God had said and came to the rock as God had said but instead of speaking as God had told him to do, he smote the rock in anger (20:9-11). He followed part of God's instructions but not all of them so God punished him by not letting him go into the promised land (Num. 20:12).

God let Moses see the land in the distance but He could not overlook the fact that Moses didn't sanctify Him in the midst of the people. I have thought about Moses. He was an old man and was probably nervous and irritated because the people kept murmuring, so he got angry and struck the rock. If God would not overlook disobedience from Moses, He will not overlook it from us.

I have lived a long time. I have been around. I have seen God set aside some men but I have never seen God set aside an uncompromising preacher of the Gospel. The last time I ever heard Billy Sunday was on our platform at Bob Jones University a few days before he went home to be with the Lord. I thought he preached better than I had ever heard him. You had better watch out. You had better hug the Bible to your bosom. It is God's Word. Stick to the King James Version or the American Revised translation.

This Revised Standard Version brought out recently by a bunch of modernists plays Jesus down. I understand there was only one orthodox man on the Committee, and I understand he begged them to leave the word "virgin" in instead of "maid" or "young woman" in Isaiah 7:14. Those modernists do not belong to our crowd. If you love somebody, you don't ever play them down. You will play them up. No real Christian ever plays Jesus down.

In defending some of the modernists, some say, "Well, he preaches Jesus." Does he preach the Jesus of the Bible, or does he preach the Jesus that he has trimmed down to the low level of his poor degenerate brain? I preach the Jesus of the Bible. All I know is what the Bible says about Him. Boys and girls, you had better not tamper with God. You, as a Christian, should not be playing around. You heed the Word of God. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31).

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Michigan Campaign

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